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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated July 5, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire October 5, 2005. The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry along with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Further examination and consideration are requested.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.